

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: March 14, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie.

Others in attendance: Corey Wiley(Berkshire Record), Mary McGurn, Tom Reynolds, Danelle Kelly, Hans Carlson.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the detailed plans for the renovation of the downstairs Town Hall bathrooms. The projected cost is \$65,000. The removal of the water heater and installation of an on-demand hot water system will cost about \$7,500.

Danile Kelly reported that parents, when enrolling new students for school in the SBRSD, were given enrollment forms that did not include the South Egremont School House so parents were writing it in. Also parents were being told that there would be no program at the South Egremont School House as the repairs would not be completed in time. There is also confusion as no one knows what grades will be housed at the South Egremont School House.

It was noted that Monterey has asked that the process to close the Monterey School House be stopped as they wish to have a program in the Town of Monterey. Chairman Turner has not approached Berkshire Hills Regional School District yet.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 27 meeting were accepted as presented. The minutes of the March 6 meeting were accepted with small corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three applications were received for the Water Operator position. One applicant was hired for the Highway position as he also applied for that. One applicant has since withdrawn his application. The Board recommends re-advertising.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice-Chairman McGurn reported that there will be a motion at the Thursday night School Committee meeting to suspend the process of closing the Monterey and South Egremont School Houses. This move is seemingly being made in an attempt to get a majority vote to pass the school budget.

The Board agreed to the following motions at the March 27 Special Town Meeting:

ARTICLE 1: Vote to transfer \$5,000 from Unemployment account and transfer \$9,700

from Free Cash for a total of \$14,700 to the Police Chief Salary account.

ARTICLE 2: Vote to transfer \$2,365 from Election Wages to purchase a vote count tabulator.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to transfer \$75,000 from Stabilization Fund to the South Egremont School House repairs account. (2/3 vote required)

Carm Guarda has accepted the position of Highway Personnel member at the rate of \$19 per hour. His start date is unknown at this time.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Representative from Charter/Spectrum will meet with Egremont officials on March 28 at 1pm to review the proposed franchise license.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Chairman Turner and Vice-Chairman McGurn will attend the Selectmen's Association dinner on April 19 in Pittsfield.

BUDGET/TOWN MEETING:

The Board approved the Assessors's Consultant budget at \$34,100 but would like the consultant to attend a meeting in the near future to talk about the new technology they plan to utilize.

The Board needs detail on the new water department budget item for \$4,500 for plowing/sanding/lawn care. As Jim Olmsted was paid separately for these items it should have been in the budget somewhere already.

Full-time Police Officer Hans Carlson asked for an executive session with the Board to talk about a safety issue in the Department. As the Board had not posted notice of such a meeting, Chairman Turner agreed to meet with Officer Carlson after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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The recording of the minutes is on record at the Town Hall for 90 days. Anyone who wishes to may obtain a copy or listen to the recording at Town Hall. Attachments are on file at Town Hall.